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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2013*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from September 30–October 16, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following: September 30th: rollcall No. 501—Ordering Previous Question on H. Res. 367, “nay”; rollcall No. 502—Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 367, “nay”; rollcall No. 503—Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 1438, “yea”; rollcall No. 504—Receding from the House Amendments, Concurring in the Senate Amendment with Amendment on H.J. Res. 59, “nay.”

October 1st: rollcall No. 505—Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 368, “nay”; rollcall No. 506—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 72, “nay”; rollcall No. 507—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 71, “nay”; rollcall No. 508—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 70, “nay.”

October 2nd: rollcall No. 509—Ordering Previous Question on the Rule H. Res. 370, “nay”; rollcall No. 510—Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 370, “nay”; rollcall No. 511—Approving the Journal, “nay”; rollcall No. 512—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 70, “nay”; rollcall No. 513—On Passage—H.J. Res. 70, “nay”; rollcall No. 514—On Passage—H.J. Res. 73, “nay.”

October 3rd: rollcall No. 515—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.R. 3230, “nay”; rollcall No. 516—On Passage—H.R. 3230, “nay”; rollcall No. 517—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 72, “nay”; rollcall No. 518—On Passage—H.J. Res. 72, “nay.”

October 4th: rollcall No. 519—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 371, “nay”; rollcall No. 520—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 521—Tables the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 85, “nay”; rollcall No. 522—On Passage of H.J. Res. 85, “nay”; rollcall No. 523—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 75, “nay”; rollcall No. 524—On Passage—H.J. Res. 75, “nay.”

October 5th: rollcall No. 525—On Passage—H.R. 3223, “yea”; rollcall No. 526—Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 58, “yea.”

October 7th: rollcall No. 527—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 528—On Passage—H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 529—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 530—On Passage—H.J. Res. 84, “nay”; rollcall No. 531—Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule on H. Res. 373, “nay”; rollcall No. 532—on Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 373, “nay”; rollcall No. 533—Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.R. 3273, “nay”; rollcall No. 534—On Passage H.R. 3273, “nay”; rollcall No. 535—On Passage—H.J. Res. 89, “yea.”

October 9th: rollcall No. 536—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res.

89, “nay”; rollcall No. 537—On Passage H.J. Res. 90, “nay”; rollcall No. 538—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 91, “yea.”

October 10th: rollcall No. 539—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 79, “nay”; rollcall No. 540—On Passage H.J. Res. 79, “nay.”

October 11th: rollcall No. 541—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 76, “nay”; rollcall No. 542—On Passage—H.J. Res. 76—“nay”; rollcall No. 543—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 380, “nay”; rollcall No. 544—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 380—“nay.”

October 12th: rollcall No. 545—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 378, “yea”; rollcall No. 546—On Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2642, “yea.”

October 14th: rollcall No. 547—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 80, “nay”; rollcall No. 548—On Passage of H.J. Res. 80, “nay”; rollcall No. 549—Agreeing to the Grayson (FL) Amendment to the title, “yea.”

October 16th: rollcall No. 550—Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendments—H.R. 2775, “yea.”

#### HONORING REV. GRIFFIN DAVIS, SR. ON THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF HILL TOP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Griffin Davis, Sr. on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of his ministry. He is the longtime pastor of Hill Top Missionary Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, Florida.

Rev. Davis is widely known as a compassionate person who will always go out of his way to help the less fortunate among us. He truly embodies the words of Jesus, who said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.” Rev. Davis’ lifetime of good works is well known among people of faith in the Riviera Beach community.

The city and its residents know that they can count on him for support whenever there is a need for civic improvements, and in every effort to assist the poor and disabled—especially senior citizens and children. Rev. Davis’ moving words touch countless lives each Sunday, but his sermons make up only a small part of the many good deeds that he continues to perform each and every single day. As he approaches a half century of serving God and all his children, I am pleased to join his family, his friends, and everyone in the community in honoring him.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Davis is one of the finest people that I have had the privilege to know, and I wish him continued success in his life and ministry for many more years to come. He is a selfless individual who has given so much to his community, and I am extremely humbled to not only represent him in Congress, but also to call him my dear friend.

#### RECOGNIZING ROANOKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roanoke Electric Cooperative that recently celebrated its 75th anniversary delivering affordable electricity to rural eastern North Carolina. The Cooperative is headquartered in my Congressional District in Aulander, North Carolina and serves seven of the 24 counties I represent.

The Cooperative grew out of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) created by President Franklin Roosevelt. REA’s goal was to foster the construction of electric distribution lines so that rural areas of the country could avail themselves of the great benefits of electricity.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative was chartered on September 30, 1938 and construction began immediately. By the middle of 1939, the 56 miles of electric distribution lines that had been constructed went live and provided electricity to 317 individual locations in rural North Carolina.

Before the Cooperative existed, Americans living in rural areas began their day at sunrise and ended it at sunset. Every task—be it simple or complex—had to be done manually. Washing and drying clothes, farm work, cooking, cleaning, and even accessing water took time and effort that had been drastically reduced in urban areas due to the existence of electricity.

Struck by the glaring inequity between rural and urban areas, then-Nebraska Senator George Norris said “I had seen first-hand the grim drudgery and grind which had been the common lot of eight generations of American farm women. I knew what it was to take care of the farm chores by the flickering, undependable light of the lantern in the cold rains of the fall and the icy winds of winter. Those rural women were conscious of the great gap between their lives and the lives of those women whom by birth or choice lived in towns and cities with electricity in their homes.”

Now Roanoke Electric Cooperative has more than 2,000 miles of electric distribution lines and serves nearly 15,000 individual locations in its seven county footprint. The Cooperative is led by Curtis Wynn who serves as its President and CEO. Mr. Wynn is the first African American in the nation to serve an electric cooperative in that capacity. Under his visionary leadership, Roanoke Electric Cooperative has been recognized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and has received the Community Service Network Award on two separate occasions. Mr. Wynn also serves on the Board of Directors for NRECA.

Mr. Speaker, Roanoke Electric Cooperative has proudly and effectively served my constituents in rural eastern North Carolina for 75 years. I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Wynn and his team and ask that my colleagues join me in sending best wishes to Roanoke Electric Cooperative as it continues to be a vital and integral part of the lives of families and businesses in eastern North Carolina.